(c) when these machines are likely to be used in Elections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) 1.5 lakh electronic voting machines at a cost of about Rupees seventy-five crores were acquired by the Election Commission by 31-3-1990. 444 machines were earlier acquired by the Election Commission at a cost of around rupees twenty-five lakhs during the period 1982-84.

(c) These machines are likely to be used in elections in the near future.

Vacant posts of judges in High Courts

3034. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judges in High Courts lying vacant throughout the country as on 1st April, 1993;

(b) what are the reasons for keeping these posts vacant; and

(c) when these are likely to be filled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 1-3-1993 there were 69 posts of permanent/Additional Judges vacant in the High Courts.

(b) and (c): For filling up the vacant posts in the High Courts the process of consultation among the constitutional authorities concerned has been expedited. It is, however, not possible to Indicated when these vacancies are likely to be filled up.

मध्य प्रदेश के उच्च न्यायालय में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

3035. श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री आनंद प्रकाश गौतम :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या मध्य प्रदेश के अधिवक्ता उच्च न्यायलय और राज्य में इसकी खंडपीठों में हिन्दी भाषा के प्रयोग का विरोध कर रहे हैं ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक क्या उपचारात्मक कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

विधि, न्याय और कंपनी कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री हंसराज भारद्वाज) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार और मध्य प्रदेश उच्च न्यायालय से जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी

Alleged Gross Irregularities in Indian Express

3036. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI MOHD. MASUD KHAN:

SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether an appeal was submitted to the Prime Minister by the Indian Express workers on 3rd November, 1992;

(b) whether any action has been taken on the gross irregularities brought out in the appeal by the workers union;

(c) whether it has been noted that country's largest "News Paper Group" is fraught with fierce infighting of the management resulting in the siphoning of company's fund into private affairs in the guise of buying of machinery;